

Abstract

Cytochrome C Protein and Assay

The present invention relates to a cytochrome C-reporter fusion protein
5 construct comprising a modified cytochrome C protein which targets the mitochondria
and has a reduced ability to induce apoptosis in a living cell. The invention also
relates to nucleic acid constructs encoding such protein fusions and cells stably
transfected with such constructs. The stably transfected cells of the invention can be
used in assays to detect apoptosis.